Food for poor children in Bihar

*47. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to probe the scam in food for the poor Bihar children, as reported in the Indian Express dated 18th January, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of steps proposed in this regard; and

(c) the action proposed against those who misappropriated the aid in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Report No. 2, for the year 1999) in respect of State Government of Bihar has observed some irregularities in implementation of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in Bihar. Subsequently, a Public Interest Litigation (CWJC No. 6881 of 2000) was also admitted in the Patna High Court. The Hon'ble Court has called upon the Central Bureau of Investigation to enquire into the matter in detail. Suitable action will be taken by the State Government following the Directions/Judgement of the Patna High Court.

Setting-up of Organ Banks

*48. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to set up any organ banks in the country for the purpose of organ transplantation;

(b) if so, the names of places where these would be set up;

(c) whether any provision for some concession has been made for poor people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. An Organ Retrieval and Banking Organisation is being set up in CN Centre All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. This Centre is primarily for retrieving of organs like heart, liver kidneys, eyes etc. from the brain-stem dead patients, preserving them and transplanting the organs to the recipient. The facility at AIIMS are available to general public including poor patients.

Task Force on HRD in IT

†*49. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Task Force on Human Resource Development Information Technology has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the total number of new institutes proposed to be set up in the country as per the report;

(c) the total number of students who would get an opportunity to get education in these institutes; and

(d) the annual expenditure to be incurred by each of the students on getting education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Task Force on Human Resource Development in Information Technology has submitted its Interim Report relating to IT manpower.

The Task Force has recommended that the possibility of setting up new institutes of the level of II Ts/III Tsin the country could be explored. It has also recommended that each major State could be facilitated to promote an exclusive institute for IT with State/Central funding (and possibly external funding) and industry collaboration.

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